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Strengthening predictability of the UNICEF response to humanitarian crises: Proposal to increase the Emergency Programme Fund ceiling

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note of* the proposal to increase the ceiling of the UNICEF Emergency Programme Fund (E/ICEF/2015/P/L.4);
2. *Encourages* UNICEF to continue to strengthen its internal capacities and its coordination with national Governments, relevant parts of the United Nations system and civil society to ensure an effective, predictable and timely response to natural disasters as well as to ongoing complex emergencies;
3. *Takes note of* steps taken by UNICEF to build stronger links between humanitarian and development programming, including a greater focus on resilience-building leading to sustainable development, and encourages UNICEF to continue to do so in order to address the challenges of protracted crises and increasing humanitarian needs;
4. *Encourages* UNICEF to mobilize sufficient resources through its work with partners to meet the needs of all children in both development and humanitarian contexts;
5. *Approves* an increase in the ceiling of the Emergency Programme Fund to \$75 million per annum, effective in 2015, to be met through allocation of regular resources, to increase the ability of UNICEF to provide an immediate, effective and predictable response to the needs of children and women affected by humanitarian emergencies;
6. *Requests* UNICEF to continue to report on the status of the Emergency Programme Fund in its report on the use of regular resources.

